

No. PD-0703-16

In the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas
At Austin

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No. 14-15-00371-CR

In the Court of Appeals
For the Fourteenth District of Texas
At Houston

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Stephen Henry Hopper

Appellant

v.

The State of Texas

Appellee

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**State's First Motion for Extension of Time
To File State's Reply to Appellant's Brief on the Merits**
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To the Honorable Court of Criminal Appeals:

The State of Texas asks for a 15-day extension of time in which to file its appellate brief. The following facts are relevant:

1. This Court granted the appellant's petition for discretionary review and the State's cross-petition for discretionary review on October 19, 2016.

2. Both parties filed their briefs regarding their respective grounds for review in December 2016; the State filed its brief December 6, and the appellant on December 14.
3. The State's reply to the appellant's brief is due on January 13, 2017. The State requests a fifteen day extension on that deadline.
4. This is the State's first request for extension regarding this brief.
5. Since the appellant filed his brief on the merits, the undersigned attorney has worked on the following cases:
 - a. Nathan Ray Foreman
No. 14-15-01005-CR
Brief filed January 10, 2017
 - b. Jesus G. Hernandez
No. 14-16-00084-CR
Brief filed January 12, 2017
6. The undersigned attorney has six other cases assigned to him at present, including a mandatory reply to a petition for certiorari in a death case.
7. For much of the time since the appellant filed his brief on the merits, the undersigned attorney was on a trip to see family and friends for Christmas.

WHEREFORE, the State prays that this Court will grant the requested 15-day extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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